

Summary of Legislation Impacting Higher Education

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Delivered to Secretary of State

HB 14	Appropriations	
Icet	<i>Appropriates money for supplemental purposes for several departments and offices of state government, for the purchase of equipment, payment of claims for refunds, for persons, firms and corporations.</i>	
R	Provides authority for the transfer of funds from the Advantage Missouri Trust Fund. The House and Senate have approved this bill. It was signed by the Governor on 4/7/09 and delivered to the Secretary of State the same day.	

Signed by Governor

SB 313	Miscellaneous	American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009
Nodler	<i>Creates two separate funds within the state treasury to receive and retain funds provided under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.</i>	
R	This bill has an emergency clause. The Senate passed this bill on 2/18/09. The House passed an amended version on 3/9/09. The Senate agreed to the changes proposed by the House, and the bill was finally approved on 3/10/09. It was signed by the Governor on 3/26/09.	

Truly Agreed and Finally Passed

HB 3	Appropriations	
Icet	<i>Appropriates money for the expenses, grants, refunds, and distributions of the Department of Higher Education.</i>	
R	Includes operating budgets and grant/scholarship funding. Institutions' operating budgets were held flat, as were all scholarships (except Margaurite Ross Barnett, which was cut by 5%). This bill is truly agreed and finally passed. It will now be sent to the Governor for his signature (or veto).	
HB 7	Appropriations	
Icet	<i>Appropriates money for the expenses and distributions of the departments of Economic Development, Insurance, Financial Institutions, Professional Registration, Labor and Industrial Relations.</i>	
R	Includes funds for the Missouri Community College New Jobs Training and Jobs Retention Programs. This bill is truly agreed and finally passed. It will now be sent to the Governor for his signature (or veto).	
HB 13	Appropriations	
Icet	<i>Appropriates money for real property leases and related services.</i>	
R	This bill includes appropriations for the MDHE's property-related expenses. This bill is truly agreed and finally passed. It will now be sent to the Governor for his signature (or veto).	

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- * [HB 282](#) [Stevenson](#) **Institution-Specific** Missouri Southern State University
Authorizes the Governor to convey state property in Jasper County to Missouri Southern State University.
R
This bill was truly agreed and finally passed on 5/12/09. It will now be sent to the Governor for his signature -- or veto.
- * [HB 390](#) [Nolte](#) **Immigration**
Prohibits the enrollment of unlawfully present aliens in public institutions of higher education.
R
The current version of this bill cleans up confusion created by last year's HB 1549. It removes "postsecondary education" from the definition of public benefits and describes the procedure schools must take to determine that institutional and state grant and scholarship recipients are lawfully present in the U.S.
This bill was truly agreed and finally passed on 5/15/09, with an emergency clause. It will now be sent to the Governor for his signature -- or veto.
- * [HB 427](#) [Largent](#) **Grants & Scholarships** Veterans
Revises the war veteran's survivor grant created by last year's HB 1678.
R
The changes are primarily definitional and would not change the number or dollar amount of awards.
This bill was truly agreed and finally passed on 5/12/09. It will now be sent to the Governor for his signature -- or veto.
- * [HB 490](#) [Schad](#) **Grants & Scholarships**
Allows all public career-technical schools to participate in the A+ Schools Program.
R
This bill was truly agreed and finally passed on 5/12/09. It will now be sent to the Governor for his signature -- or veto.
- [HB 506](#) [Funderburk](#) **Miscellaneous**
Requires the Governor to annually issue a proclamation declaring the third week of March as Math, Engineering, Technology, and Science Week.
R
This bill is truly agreed and finally passed. It will now be sent to the Governor for his signature (or veto).
- [HB 909](#) [Brandom](#) **Institution-Specific** Harris-Stowe State University
Authorizes the Governor to convey state property located in Cape Girardeau County and St. Louis City.
R
This bill authorizes the Governor to convey State property located in St. Louis City, which currently is being leased by Harris-Stowe State University, to Harris-Stowe State University.
This bill was truly agreed and finally passed on 5/7/09. It will now be sent to the Governor for his signature -- or veto.
- * [HB 918](#) [Kelly](#) **Institution-Specific** University of Missouri
Authorizes the Governor to convey state property known as the Mid-Missouri Mental Health Center to the University of Missouri-Columbia.
D
The House approved an emergency clause for this bill. If the bill is passed, it will become law as soon as it is signed by the Governor.
This bill was truly agreed and finally passed on 5/12/09. It will now be sent to the Governor for his signature -- or veto.

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* [SB 15](#) **Institution-Specific** Missouri Southern State University
[Nodler](#)
R *To authorize the conveyance of property owned by the state in Jasper County to Missouri Southern State University.*

This bill was truly agreed and finally passed on 5/11/09, with an emergency clause. It will now be sent to the Governor for his signature -- or veto.

* [SB 152](#) **Grants & Scholarships** Nursing Student Loan Program
[Clemens](#)
R *Modifies definition of eligible student for nursing student loan program.*
The revised definition would include doctoral students and would allow full- or part-time doctoral students to be eligible for the program.
This bill was truly agreed and finally passed on 5/13/09. It will now be sent to the Governor for his approval -- or veto.

* [SB 291](#) **P-20**
[Shields](#)
R *Allows school districts to offer courses in a virtual setting and receive state funding for virtual courses.*
Language pertaining to the P-20 Council has been rolled into this education omnibus bill. The version rejected by the House also included language that would create the Missouri Promise scholarship, expand A+, clarify certain provisions of the Bright Flight statute, criminalize the use of a phony diploma, and clarify institutions' responsibility with regard to verifying students' citizenship status.
This bill was truly agreed and finally passed on 5/14/09. It will now be sent to the Governor for his signature -- or veto.

Cross-Chamber: Delivered cross chamber for conference

* [HB 46](#) **Grants & Scholarships**
[Davis](#)
R *Changes the laws regarding the consent requirements for obtaining an abortion and creates the crime of coercing an abortion.*
This bill includes a provision that would make it a crime to knowingly coerce a woman to seek or obtain an abortion by revoking, attempting to revoke, or threatening to revoke a scholarship awarded to the woman by a public or private institution of higher education.
The House passed this bill on 3/11/09, and the Senate passed a different version on 5/13/09.

* [SB 71](#)
[Stouffer](#)
R *Creates a tax credit for contributions to developmental disability care providers.*
This bill contains the provision for the House-proposed individual income tax cut for the 2009 and 2010 tax years. The Senate passed this bill on 4/9/09. The House passed a different version on 4/30/09.

[SB 171](#) **Campus Safety** Concealed Carry
[Griesheimer](#)
R *Modifies provisions relating to liquor control.*
This bill has language, originally contained in HB 645, that would allow people to carry concealed weapons on college campuses.
The House amended SB 171 to include concealed carry language on April 29. That same day, the bill was third read and passed in the House. The Senate refused to concur with the House's changes and on 4/30/09 requested a conference with the House. The bill is currently on the conference calendar.

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- * [SB 262](#) **Miscellaneous**
[Bartle](#) *Repeals portion of tolling statute that applies to former Missouri residents who have established residency in another state.*
R
This bill now includes a section that creates a tuition and fee waiver for undergraduate courses at state institutions of higher education for incoming freshman who were in foster or residential care at certain times in their life. This tuition and fee waiver begins with the 2010 fall semester. A student is eligible for this tuition and fee waiver, if they apply and are accepted at the school within a certain time period, apply for other student financial aid, request a determination of eligibility from the coordinating board for higher education, and complete at least 100 hours of community service each year. The waivers will be awarded each year, subject to appropriation, for up to four years, and may only be used after certain other sources of financial aid are exhausted. This section is identical to HB 686 (2009).
The House and Senate passed different versions of this bill and were unable to reach a compromise.
- * [SB 377](#) **Miscellaneous**
[Rupp](#) *Allows municipalities to annex research parks under certain circumstances.*
R
A "research park" is defined as an area developed by a university to be used by technology-intensive and research-based companies as a business location.
The House and Senate passed different versions of this bill but were unable to reach a compromise before the end of session.

Cross-chamber: Laid Over

- * [HJR 11](#) **Religious Issues**
[McGhee](#) *Proposes a constitutional amendment guaranteeing the right to pray and requiring free public schools to display the text of the Bill of Rights.*
R
The state would be required to ensure that public school students (potentially including college and university students) may exercise their right to religious expression, and public elementary and secondary institutions would be required to display the Bill of Rights.
The House passed this resolution on 4/23/09. It was referred to the Senate General Laws Committee, which voted do pass on 5/7/09. The bill was then sent to the Senate Governmental Accountability & Fiscal Oversight Committee, which voted do pass on 5/7/09. The bill was laid out for discussion and then laid over on 5/13/09.

Cross-chamber: On Calendar

- * [HB 316](#) **Miscellaneous** **Sunshine Law**
[Jones](#) *Changes the laws regarding the Open Meetings and Records Law, commonly known as the Sunshine Law.*
R
Changes include expanding the definitions of "public governmental body" and "public meeting," clarifying the "legal actions" exception to the law, describing who may be present in closed session meetings, and requiring public bodies to use data processing programs that are easily accessed and manipulated by programs commonly available to the public.
The House passed this bill on 4/23/09. It was voted out of committee in an amended form, then placed on the Senate calendar.
- [HJR 32](#) **Appropriations** **Fifth State Building Bond and Interest Fund**
[Kelly](#) *Proposes a constitutional amendment creating the Fifth State Building Bond and Interest Fund.*
D
The House passed this resolution on 4/27/09. The Senate Appropriations Committee voted do pass on a committee substitute on 4/29/09. The bill has now been set on the Senate calendar.

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[SB 66](#)

Governance

[Scott](#)

Amends requirements for filing financial interest statements.

R

This bill would require the members of each state board and commission, and the members of each board of regents or curators and the chancellor or president of each state institution of higher education to file financial interest statements with the Missouri Ethics Commission.

The Senate passed this bill on 3/12/09 and the House passed it by consent on 4/20/09. It was laid out for discussion, then laid over on third reading on 4/30/09. It is now set on the House calendar.

* [SB 100](#)

Miscellaneous

[Schaefer](#)

Assesses fee on shippers that transport radioactive waste within Missouri.

R

Shippers of radioactive waste in or through Missouri shall be subject to statutory fees established by the act. State-funded institutions of higher education that ship nuclear waste shall be exempt from the fees but such institutions shall reimburse the Missouri Highway Patrol for costs associated with shipment escorts.

The Senate passed this bill 2/19/09. The House Committee on Infrastructure & Transportation voted do pass on a committee substitute on 4/22/09, and the bill was referred to the House Rules Committee on 4/28/09. House Rules voted do pass on 5/7/09 and the bill was set on the House calendar.

Cross-chamber: Rules Voted Do Pass

[SB 79](#)

Grants & Scholarships

A+ and Missouri Promise Programs, Bright Flight

[Wilson](#)

Modifies the definition of "bullying" as used in school district antibullying policies to include cyberbullying and electronic communications.

D

This bill contains provisions for expansion of the A+ program, changes to the Bright Flight Scholarship Program, and the Missouri Promise Program. The bill leaves the A+ program in DESE, but removes the requirement that a student must have graduated from an A+ designated high school to get the scholarship. The bill also creates the Missouri Promise, a "completer scholarship" for students who get associate's degrees using A+ and then go on to complete bachelor's degrees at public universities. Finally, the bill includes language clarifying the award amount for Bright Flight recipients and extending the period that veterans can defer Bright Flight awards.

This bill also has provisions to remove "postsecondary education" from the definition of public benefits and describes the procedure schools must take to determine that institutional and state grant and scholarship recipients are lawfully present in the U.S.

Lastly, the bill would prohibit the use or attempted use of false or misleading diplomas for admission to higher education institutions or in connection with businesses or employment.

The Senate passed this bill on 2/25/09. The House Elementary & Secondary Education Committee passed a committee substitute on 4/28/09, and the bill was referred to the House Rules Committee on 4/29/09. The House Rules Committee voted do pass on 5/7/09.

* [SCR 13](#)

International Education

[Pearce](#)

Relating to international education.

R

This resolution encourages Missouri students and faculty to promote international education as part of curricular and extracurricular life at Missouri's colleges and universities. This resolution is identical to HCR 7 (2008).

The Senate passed this resolution on 5/5/09 and it was reported to the House the same day. The House Rules Committee was scheduled to hear the bill on 5/13/09; Rules voted do pass on 5/13/09.

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Cross-chamber: Rules Sent Back to Committee

* [SB 255](#) **Institution-Specific** University of Missouri
[Pearce](#) *Modifies the composition of the Board of Curators for the University of Missouri.*
R This act modifies the composition of the Board of Curators for the University of Missouri. Current law provides that no more than one person will be appointed to the Board from each congressional district. This act provides that at least one but no more than two persons will be appointed from each congressional district.
 The Senate passed this bill on 3/9/09. It was referred to the House Higher Education Committee on 4/2/09, and the committee voted do pass on 4/9/09. The bill was referred to the House Rules Committee the same day. House Rules voted do not pass on 5/11/09.

Cross-chamber: Referred to Rules

[SB 55](#) **Grants & Scholarships** A+ Scholarship Program
[Days](#) *Allows school districts to maintain permanent records digitally or electronically.*
D The House Committee Substitute contains a provision to allow all public vocational and technical schools to participate in the A+ Schools Program without stipulations. This language is from HB 490.
 This bill passed the Senate on 2/25/09. It passed the House Elementary and Secondary Education Committee on 4/23/09. The bill was referred to the House Rules Committee on 4/24/09.

Cross-chamber: Heard by Committee

* [HB 668](#) **Miscellaneous**
[Jones](#) *Changes the laws regarding concealed carry endorsements, defensive use of force, and antique firearms.*
R This version of this bill perfected by the House contains language that would allow people with concealed carry permits to bring concealed weapons onto college campuses, which originally appeared in HB 645.
 Third read and passed in the House on 4/16/09. Referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee on 4/23/09; the committee heard testimony about the bill on 5/11/09.

Cross-chamber: Referred to Committee

[HB 631](#) **Grants & Scholarships**
[Jones](#) *Changes the laws regarding the Missouri Teaching Fellows Program.*
R Currently, students sign up to participate in the Missouri Teaching Fellows Program in their senior year of high school. If the student goes on to graduate from college and teach in an unaccredited school district, they can receive up to \$5,000 a year as a stipend or as loan forgiveness. This bill would change the program to allow people who have just received their teaching certificates to sign up for the program. This would allow students to start receiving payments as early as 2011.
 The House passed this bill on 4/22/09. It was assigned to the Senate Education Committee on 4/27/09.

[HB 744](#) **Miscellaneous** American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009
[Icet](#) *Creates the Missouri Family Recovery Plan Fund and the Economic Stimulus Fund in the state treasury to receive moneys provided under the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.*
R The House passed this bill 2/26/09. It was referred to the Senate Appropriations Committee on 3/25/09.

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[HJR 23](#)
[Icet](#)
 R

Appropriations

Proposes a constitutional amendment prohibiting appropriations in any fiscal year from exceeding certain limits.

The House approved this resolution on 3/12/09 by a vote of 82 to 78. It was reported to the Senate the same day and referred to the Senate Ways & Means Committee on 3/25/09.

Cross-chamber: Second Read

[SB 540](#)
[Schaefer](#)
 R

Institution-Specific University of Missouri

Authorizes the Governor to convey state property known as the Mid-Missouri Mental Health Center to the University of Missouri-Columbia.

The Senate passed this bill on 5/5/09. It was reported to the House and first and second read on 5/5/09.

Perfected

[SB 558](#)
[Mayer](#)
 R

Grants & Scholarships Missouri Promise

Establishes the Missouri Promise Program to provide scholarship to students attending certain public and private higher education institutions.

The version of this bill perfected by the Senate leaves the A+ program in DESE, but removes the requirement that a student must have graduated from an A+ designated high school to get the scholarship. The bill also creates the Missouri Promise, a "completer scholarship" for students who get associate's degrees using A+ and then go on to complete bachelor's degrees at public universities. Finally, the bill includes language clarifying the award amount for Bright Flight recipients and extending the period that veterans can defer Bright Flight awards.

The Senate perfected this bill on 4/6/09. It was referred to the Governmental Accountability & Fiscal Oversight Committee, which was scheduled to consider the bill on 4/9/09. The hearing has been rescheduled for 4/14/09. This language was added to SB 291 (although it was stripped out before the bill was truly agreed and finally passed) and SB 79.

Laid Over

[SB 45](#)
[Pearce](#)
 R

Miscellaneous Quality Jobs Act

Creates a tax credit for equity investments in technology-based early stage Missouri companies and removes the annual limit on tax credit issuance for the Quality Jobs Act.

SCS SBs 45, 212, 136, 278, 279, 285 & 288.

The Senate Jobs, Economic Development & Local Government Committee heard testimony about this bill 1/28/09. The committee voted do pass on a committee substitute that combines SBs 45, 212, 136, 278, 279, 285, and 288. It has been debated on the Senate floor and laid over, then set on the Senate calendar several times.

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On Calendar

[HB 190](#)

Miscellaneous

Job Training Programs

[Flook](#)

Modifies the job training program by expanding opportunities for pre-employment training.

R

Training may include pre-employment training, and services may include analysis of particular companies' specific training needs, development of training plans, and provision of training. The program could include state funding for in-plant training analysis, curriculum development, assessment and pre-selection tools, publicity for the program, instructional services, rental of instructional facilities, access to equipment and supplies, other necessary services, overall program direction, and staff to carry out an effective training program.

The House Committee on Job Creation & Economic Development Committee heard testimony about this bill on 2/17/09. The committee voted do pass on 4/2/09 and it was referred to the House Rules Committee the same day. Rules voted do pass on the bill on 4/9/09 and it was then set on the House calendar.

[HB 313](#)

Miscellaneous

[Yates](#)

Changes the laws regarding several economic development programs, establishes the Small Business and Entrepreneurial Growth Act, and authorizes business, education, science, and technology districts.

R

This bill will allow the governing body of a municipality to establish a business, education, science, and technology (BEST) district. At least one higher education institution must commit to having a significant physical presence in the BEST district and plan to offer educational resources in the BEST district.

The committee conducted a public hearing on this bill on 2/10/09 and voted do pass on a committee substitute on 3/24/09. The House Rules Committee voted do pass on 4/2/09 and the bill was put on the House calendar.

[SB 29](#)

Institution-Specific

University of Missouri

[Stouffer](#)

Requires all diesel fuel sold at retail in Missouri after a certain date to be a biodiesel-blended fuel.

R

The Department of Agriculture may annually contract with UM's Food & Agricultural Policy Research Institute to study the effects of biodiesel and fuel ethanol production on the prices of fuel and food.

The Senate Agriculture, Food Production & Outdoor Resources Committee heard testimony about this bill 2/4/09 and voted do pass 2/11/09. Placed on informal perfection calendar 2/18/09.

[SB 261](#)

Miscellaneous

[Bartle](#)

Modifies various provisions relating to crime.

R

Two sections affecting higher education were added to this omnibus crime bill. Section 173.754 would prohibit a person from using or attempting to use a false or misleading diploma, as described in the section, in connection with admission to an institution of higher education, or in connection with any business, employment, occupation, profession, trade, or public office. A violation of this section is a Class C misdemeanor. This provision is identical to that in SB 182 (2009).

Section 174.00 would be amended to allow university police officers to respond to emergencies or natural disasters outside of the boundaries of the university property and provide services if requested by the law enforcement agency with jurisdiction.

This bill has been placed on the Senate informal perfection calendar.

[SB 264](#)

Miscellaneous

[Mayer](#)

Enacts provisions regarding the coercion of abortions.

R

"Coercion of abortions" would include revoking or threatening to revoke a scholarship awarded to the woman.

The Senate Judiciary & Civil & Criminal Jurisprudence Committee heard testimony about this bill 2/23/09 and voted do pass 3/2/09. It was set on the Senate Perfection Calendar on 3/9/09.

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Referred to Rules

HB 18 Icet R	Appropriations <i>Appropriates money for capital improvement projects involving the maintenance, repair, replacement, and improvement of state buildings and facilities .</i> This bill included funds for maintenance and repair at public institutions of higher education. The House Budget Committee voted do pass on a committee substitute on 4/20/09 and referred the bill to the House Rules Committee the same day. The Rules Committee conducted an executive session on 4/22/09 but did not take any action on HB 18.	Capital Improvements
HB 19 Icet R	Appropriations <i>Appropriates money for supplemental purposes.</i> The version of the bill approved by the House Budget Committee included funding for capital projects for OTC, Jefferson College, Moberly Area Community College, Linn State, MSU, Northwest, SEMO, Truman, and the University of Missouri (including Ellis Fischel). It also included funding for a new state office building that would have likely been the MDHE's new home had it been funded. Introduced 4/9/09. Heard by the House Budget Committee starting 4/14/09. The committee voted do pass on a committee substitute on 4/20/09 and referred the bill the the House Rules Committee the same day. Rules conducted an executive session on the bill on 4/21/09 but did not take any action on HB 19.	Federal Budget Stabilization Funds
HB 20 Icet R	Appropriations <i>Appropriates money for supplemental purposes.</i> The version of this bill approved by the House Budget Committee included \$10 million to the state's public colleges and universities or to the Caring for Missourians strategic initiative, with allocations to be determined by the MDHE. Introduced 4/9/09. Heard by the House Budget Committee starting 4/14/09. The committee voted do pass on a committee substitute on 4/20/09 and referred the bill the the House Rules Committee the same day. Rules conducted an executive session on 4/21/09 but did not take any action on this bill.	Federal Budget Stabilization Funds
HB 57 Wildberger D	Miscellaneous <i>Establishes the Registered Surgical Technologist Title Protection Act.</i> The version of this bill approved by the committee contains language that would require the MDHE to conduct a study before certifying a for-profit medical school to operate in Missouri, and to submit that report to the general assembly. The House Special Standing Committee on Professional Registration & Licensing heard testimony about this bill on 4/6/09 and voted the bill out on 4/22/09. The bill has now been referred to the House Rules Committee.	
HB 340 Cunningham R	Miscellaneous <i>Requires state agencies, public schools and colleges, and political subdivisions to use the traditional names of holidays.</i> This bill has been combined with HB 128, which has been approved by committee and was referred to the House Rules Committee on 3/10/09.	

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[HB 350](#)

Immigration

[Parkinson](#)

Modifies provisions relating to unauthorized aliens.

R

The language in the initial version of this bill impacted higher education. The language in the committee substitute does not.

The House International Trade & Immigration Committee heard testimony about this bill 3/4/09 and voted do pass on a committee substitute on 4/9/09.

[HB 515](#)

Governance

University of Missouri

[Kingerly](#)

Provides that at least one but no more than two persons shall be appointed on the University of Missouri Board of Curators from each congressional district.

R

The House Higher Education Committee heard testimony about this bill 2/24/09 and voted do pass 3/3/09. The bill was referred to the House Rules Committee on 3/10/09.

Committee Voted Do Pass

[HB 153](#)

Community Colleges

[Brown](#)

Authorizes community improvement districts that are political subdivisions to sponsor and operate a polytechnic institute.

D

The House Special Committee on Workforce Development & Workplace Safety heard testimony about this bill and voted do pass 3/4/09.

[HB 738](#)

Grants & Scholarships

Veterans

[Schaaf](#)

Revises the meaning of the term "combat veteran" in the Missouri returning heroes' act by including that it could be a person who meets the university's requirements for Missouri residency.

R

Referred to the House Veterans Committee 2/19/09. The committee voted do pass on 4/21/09.

[HB 991](#)

Institution-Specific

Harris-Stowe State University

[Kratky](#)

Authorizes a conveyance of state property in St. Louis City to Harris-Stowe State University.

D

Referred to the House Committee on Corrections & Public Institutions 3/31/09, which voted do pass on 4/21/09.

[HB 1058](#)

Miscellaneous

[Smith](#)

Repeals various expired provisions of law as contained in the January 2009 Annual Report of the Joint Committee on Legislative Research on Laws Which Expire, Sunset, Terminate, or Become Ineffective.

R

Referred to the House Rules Committee 4/1/09, which voted do pass on 4/22/09.

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[SB 344](#)

P-20

[Lager](#)

Creates the P-20 Council to create a more efficient and effective education system.

R

This bill would strengthen the already existing P-20 Council by allowing it to operate as a private-not-for-profit corporation on behalf of the state and codifying its purpose (to create a more efficient and effective education system to more adequately prepare students for entering the workforce) and the membership of its board of directors (including the Director of the Department of Economic Development, the Commissioner of Higher Education, the Chairperson of the CBHE, the President of the State Board of Education, the Chairperson of the Coordinating Board of Early Childhood, and the Commissioner of Education as well as seven members appointed by the Governor).

This bill is identical to SB 1221 (2008).

Referred to the Senate Education Committee 2/11/09. The committee heard testimony about the bill on 3/25/09 and voted the bill out of committee the same day. This language was added to SB 79 and SB 291.

Committee Voted Do Not Pass

[HCR 7](#)

Miscellaneous

Public School Employee Benefits

[Hodges](#)

Urges Congress to prohibit certain public school employees from being forced to participate in the federal Social Security system rather than the Missouri Public School Retirement System.

D

Introduced and first read in the House 1/12/09.

Hearing Continued

[SB 390](#)

Grants & Scholarships

Access Missouri

[Schaefer](#)

Changes amounts of financial assistance awards for the Access Missouri Financial Assistance Program.

R

The bill would not change minimum and maximum Access awards for the 2009-2010 academic year, but would change award amounts starting in the 2010-2011 academic year and each year thereafter. A student attending a public 2-year institution will be eligible for \$1,000 maximum and \$300 minimum award. A student attending a public or private 4-year institution or Linn State Technical College will be eligible for \$2,850 maximum and \$1,500 minimum award.

Students attending public institutions currently receive \$1000 - \$2,150 and students attending private institutions receive \$2,000 - \$4,600; students attending 2-year public institutions currently receive \$300 - 1,000. This bill is identical to HB 792.

The Senate Education Committee heard public testimony from supporters of this bill on 4/1/09. The committee will hear testimony from opponents of the bill on 4/8/09.

Heard by Committee

[HB 76](#)

Miscellaneous

Autism Spectrum Disorder

[Lampe](#)

Changes the laws regarding the identification, assessment, and education of children with autism spectrum disorder.

D

The commissioner of higher education or his or her designee is a member of the Missouri Autism Spectrum Disorder Commission.

The House Health Care Policy Committee heard testimony about this bill on 2/24/09.

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[HB 498](#)

Grants & Scholarships

[Davis](#)

Establishes the Full-time Mother Scholarship Bonus Program.

R

This new program would provide annual \$600 scholarships for eligible Missouri residents who are mothers with a child or children 15 years old or younger, who do not work outside the home, to attend the Missouri college or university of their choice. Scholarships would be general revenue-funded and the CBHE would administer the program.

The House Higher Education Committee heard testimony about this bill 2/17/09.

[HB 829](#)

Miscellaneous

[Nolte](#)

Allows joint venture financing of certain educational facilities.

R

Referred to the House Elementary & Secondary Education Committee on 3/5/09. The committee heard public testimony about the bill on 4/1/09.

[SB 50](#)

Miscellaneous

Research-based Contributions

[Bray](#)

Requires equal pay for the same work regardless of gender and establishes a commission to study wage disparities.

D

This bill would create an "Equal Pay Commission," which would include three individuals from higher education or research institutions who have experience and expertise in the collection and analysis of data concerning gender-related pay disparities and whose research has already been used in efforts to promote the elimination of those disparities.

The Senate Progress & Development Committee heard testimony about this bill 2/25/09.

[SB 64](#)

Charter School Sponsorship

[Rupp](#)

Modifies provisions relating to charter schools.

R

Any private or public four-year college or university with an approved teacher preparation program and with its primary campus in Missouri would be permitted to sponsor a charter school.

The Senate Education Committee heard testimony about this bill 2/4/09 and 2/11/09.

[SB 78](#)

Miscellaneous

Mentoring Program

[Wilson](#)

Creates the Missouri Senior Cadet Program for mentoring of kindergarten through eighth grade students.

D

Students who complete the program and attend public colleges or universities located in Missouri would receive a reimbursement for 3 credit hours per semester for up to 4 years.

The Senate Education Committee heard testimony about this bill 2/11/09.

[SB 107](#)

Higher Education Expense Tax Deduction

[Green](#)

Creates an income tax deduction for higher education expenses.

D

In order to qualify, the taxpayer student or taxpayer claiming a student as a dependent would have to have a federal adjusted gross income of less than \$200,000 and the educational expenses would have to be incurred by a student enrolled at least half-time.

The Senate Governmental Accountability & Fiscal Oversight Committee heard testimony about this bill 2/5/09.

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[SB 430](#) **Miscellaneous** Environmental Requirements
[Smith](#)
Creates and modifies provisions pertaining to environmentally sustainable practices.
D Any state building built, substantially renovated, or acquired for lease after August 28, 2009 must be certified by the U.S. Green Building Council as meeting the silver rating under the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) green building rating system.
The Senate Agriculture, Food Production & Outdoor Resources Committee heard public testimony about this bill on 3/25/09.

[SB 486](#) **Miscellaneous**
[Green](#)
Grants employees of any public body the right to form and join labor organizations.
D The Senate Small Business, Insurance, & Industry Committee heard public testimony about this bill on 3/31/09.

[SB 568](#) **Miscellaneous**
[Rupp](#)
Establishes the Recovery Accountability and Transparency Board and creates a state false claims act.
R The Senate Governmental Accountability & Fiscal Oversight Committee heard public testimony about this bill on 3/26/09.

[SCR 15](#) **Miscellaneous**
[Shoemyer](#)
This resolution urges the Governor and Office of Administration to deposit stimulus money received from the federal government into the Lewis & Clark Discovery Fund for capital improvements at public colleges and universities.
D The Senate Rules, Joint Rules, Resolutions & Ethics Committee heard testimony about this bill on 3/10/09.

Referred to Committee

[HB 295](#) **Miscellaneous** Contracting
[Chappelle-Nadal](#)
Prohibits a public body from entering into a public works contract with a company that has been found guilty of conducting discriminatory employment practices.
D "Public body" would include political subdivisions and institutions supported in whole or in part by public funds.
Referred to the House Special Standing Committee on Workforce Development & Workplace Safety 2/12/09.

[HB 331](#) **Miscellaneous** Adult Education
[Faith](#)
Establishes the "GED+ Program" within the department of elementary and secondary education.
R The board of education would be required to work with representatives of colleges, post-secondary vocational schools, and post-secondary technical schools to develop cooperative program plans. Procedural decisions will be made with the advice and consent of the coordinating board for higher education.
Introduced and first read in the House 1/21/09; second read 1/22/09. Referred to the House Elementary & Secondary Education Committee 3/12/09.

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[HB 332](#)

[Cunningham](#)

R

Grants & Scholarships

Allows members of the reserves of any branch of the United States armed forces to be eligible for a National Guard educational assistance grant.

This bill would change an existing scholarship program administered by the Missouri National Guard by expanding the group of potential recipients. Currently, the program only serves members of the Missouri National Guard; the bill proposes to include members of the reserves of any branch of the U.S. armed forces.

Referred to the House Veterans Committee 2/19/09.

[HB 483](#)

[Smith](#)

R

Grants & Scholarships

Establishes the Missouri National Guard and Missouri Reservists Family Education Grant.

This new grant would be funded by general revenue and could be used by students attending public two- or four-year institutions. The program would be administered by the MDHE.

Referred to the House Veterans Committee 2/5/09.

[HB 627](#)

[Schaaf](#)

R

Grants & Scholarships

Veterans

Expands the Missouri Returning Heroes' Education Act to also include combat veterans serving prior to September 11, 2001.

Referred to the House Veterans Committee 2/12/09.

[HB 645](#)

[Munzlinger](#)

R

Campus Safety

Removes the prohibition on persons with concealed carry endorsements carrying concealed firearms into an institution of higher education.

This language was added to SB 171 and HB 668.

Referred to the House Agri-Business Committee 2/12/09.

[HB 672](#)

[Low](#)

D

Governance

Prohibits gubernatorial appointees from holding office in or contributing to political parties or organizations and from taking part in any political campaign during their term of office.

Referred to the House Elections Committee 2/19/09.

[HB 750](#)

[Faith](#)

R

Miscellaneous

Professional Licensure

Establishes requirements for the licensure of naturopathic physicians.

Introduced and first read 2/17/09; second read 2/18/09. Referred to the Special Committee on Professional Registration and Licensing 2/19/09.

[HB 1029](#)

[Schoeller](#)

R

Miscellaneous

Establishes the Science and Innovation Reinvestment Act.

Referred to the House Committee on Job Creation & Economic Development 3/31/09.

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[HB 1031](#)

[Emery](#)

R

Remediation

Allows students at two-year or four-year colleges or universities to seek tuition reimbursement for college remedial courses under certain circumstances.

Introduced and first read in the House 3/12/09. Second read 3/18/09. Referred to the House Higher Education Committee on 4/16/09.

[HB 1047](#)

[Grisamore](#)

R

Miscellaneous

Establishes "Disability History and Awareness Month" in the public schools.

Institutions of higher education within the state are encouraged to conduct and promote activities on individual campuses that provide education, understanding, and awareness of individuals with disabilities.
Introduced and first read in the House on 3/18/09. Second read on 3/23/09. Referred to House Committee on Elementary and Secondary Education on 4/16/09.

[HB 1053](#)

[Dieckhaus](#)

R

Miscellaneous

Research Parks

Allows municipalities to annex research parks under certain circumstances.

A "research park" is defined as an area developed by a university to be used by technology-intensive and research-based companies as a business location.
Referred to the House Committee on Job Creation & Economic Development 4/1/09.

[HB 1055](#)

[Pratt](#)

R

Miscellaneous

Establishes the Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act.

Introduced and first read in the House 3/23/09; second read 3/24/09. Referred to Special Standing Committee on General Laws 3/26/09.

[HB 1178](#)

[Dusenber](#)

R

Miscellaneous

Changes the laws regarding the consent requirements for obtaining an abortion and creates the crime of coercing an abortion.

A person commits the crime of coercing an abortion if the person knowingly coerces a woman to seek or obtain an abortion by revoking, attempting to revoke, or threatening to revoke a scholarship awarded to the woman by a public or private institution of higher education.
Introduced and first read 4/1/09; second read 4/2/09. Referred to the House Committee on Children & Families 4/9/09.

[HCR 24](#)

[Wilson](#)

R

Federal Stimulus

Urges the federal government to rescind its actions in providing financial bailouts and seek alternative solutions to our nation's financial and economic problems.

Referred to the House Special Standing Committee on Infrastructure & Transportation Funding 2/26/09.

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[SB 23](#)

[Callahan](#)

D

Tuition

Designates that the gaming revenues derived from the repeal of the loss limits will be used for higher education tuition reduction.

This bill would create a fund to be used to reduce tuition at Missouri's public higher education institutions. The CBHE would administer the fund and implement procedures to reimburse public higher education institutions that either reduce tuition or "increase tuition at lower rates than previously designed." Gaming revenues derived from the repeal of loss limits total an estimated \$105-130 million per year.

Referred to the Senate Education Committee 1/22/09.

[SB 40](#)

[Rupp](#)

R

Grants & Scholarships

Bright Flight

Modifies provisions of the Bright Flight Scholarship Program.

This bill would extend the period that students who enter the military can defer Bright Flight awards. It would also clarify that GED recipients and homeschool students can receive Bright Flight awards and the certain procedural issues surrounding the determination of the SAT/ACT cut-score. Finally, it would also clarify the award amounts for students in the top 3% of ACT/SAT testtakers starting in FY 11.

Referred to the Senate Education Committee 1/22/09. This language was amended onto SB 291 (although it was later stripped out in committee and not part of the bill that finally passed), SB 79, and SB 558.

[SB 59](#)

[Stouffer](#)

R

Miscellaneous

Assesses fee on shippers that transport radioactive waste within Missouri.

State-funded institutions of higher education that ship nuclear waste would be exempt from the statutory fees but would have to reimburse the Missouri Highway Patrol for costs associated with shipment escorts.

Referred to the Senate Transportation Committee 1/22/09.

[SB 76](#)

[Wilson](#)

D

Miscellaneous

Volunteer and Parents Incentive Program

Creates the Volunteer and Parents Incentive Program for public elementary and secondary schools.

The new program would provide reimbursement for the cost of 3 credit hours at public institutions of higher education to school volunteers who spend at least 100 hours in classrooms.

Referred to the Senate Education Committee 1/22/09.

[SB 133](#)

[Smith](#)

D

Immigration

Modifies the definition of public benefit for unlawfully present aliens to mean resident status postsecondary education.

Current law provides that an alien unlawfully present in the United States shall not receive any state or local public benefit. The definition of "public benefit" currently includes postsecondary education under which payments, assistance, credits, or reduced rates or fees are provided. This act modifies the definition of "public benefit" to mean postsecondary education pursued with the status of resident. In addition, a student who is enrolled as a nonresident at a Missouri public institution of higher education will not be considered to be receiving a public benefit based solely on attendance at such institution.

Referred to the Senate Education Committee 1/22/09.

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[SB 195](#)

Institution-Specific

University of Missouri

[Shoemyer](#)

Requires farmers to register and pay a fee for retaining seed produced from patented genetically-modified seed.

D

This act creates the Genetically Engineered Seed Fund, a portion of which could be used by the University of Missouri for agricultural research and development.

Referred to the Senate Agriculture, Food Production & Outdoor Resources Committee 1/26/09.

[SB 198](#)

Miscellaneous

Public School Employee Benefits

[McKenna](#)

Modifies provisions relating to teacher and school employee retirement systems.

D

Referred to the Senate Veterans' Affairs, Pensions & Urban Affairs Committee 1/26/09.

[SB 206](#)

Miscellaneous

State Employees

[Shoemyer](#)

Requires state employee salaries to be annually adjusted by the consumer price index.

D

Referred to the Senate Ways & Means Committee 1/27/09.

[SB 213](#)

Tuition

Missouri Higher Education Savings Program

[Scott](#)

Removes the minimum time for holding investments in the Missouri higher education savings program.

R

Currently, the minimum time for holding investments in the Missouri Higher Education Savings Program is 12 months. The act removes that requirement.

Referred to the Senate Financial & Governmental Organizations & Elections Committee 1/27/09.

[SB 275](#)

Tuition

[Callahan](#)

Requires certain funds from the Lewis & Clark Discovery Fund to be used for higher education tuition reduction.

D

Current law requires monies in the Lewis & Clark Discovery Fund to be used primarily to support funding of capital projects at public colleges and universities. This act provides that moneys in that fund could only be appropriated to support funding of LCDI projects for which actual construction began on or before January 1, 2009.

Any moneys remaining in the fund after the completion of all such projects will be transferred to the Missouri Higher Education Tuition Reduction Fund at the end of each fiscal year. The CBHE will administer the fund, which will be used to reduce tuition at Missouri's public institutions of higher education. The CBHE would be required to implement a procedure for reimbursing institutions that either reduce tuition or increase tuition at a lower rate than previously designated.

Referred to the Senate Education Committee 2/2/09.

[SB 331](#)

Immigration

[Justus](#)

Provides that certain aliens will receive in-state tuition at college and universities that meet certain requirements.

D

This bill would create the Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors (DREAM) Act. It would permit students who attend a Missouri high school for at least two years, who graduate or receive a GED in Missouri, who entered the U.S. before enactment of the DREAM Act, and who meet other conditions to be treated as Missouri residents.

Referred to the Senate Progress & Development Committee 2/11/09.

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[SB 341](#)

Governance

[Bray](#)

Requires racial and gender equity in the membership of boards, commissions, committees, and councils.

D

Referred to the Senate Financial & Governmental Organizations & Elections Committee 2/11/09.

[SB 352](#)

Miscellaneous

University of Missouri

[Bray](#)

Establishes a Commission on the Reorganization of State Health Care.

D

The commission will consist of sixteen members, of one whom will be a member of the Board of Curators of the University of Missouri.

Referred to the Senate Health, Mental Health, Seniors & Families Committee 2/16/09.

[SB 493](#)

Grants & Scholarships

A+ Schools

[Mayer](#)

Modifies requirements for public career-technical schools to participate in the A+ Schools Program.

R

Current law provides the same requirements and qualifications to participate in the A+ Schools Program for private career-technical schools and public career-technical schools. This act removes public career-technical schools from those requirements.

Referred to the Senate Education Committee 3/2/09.

[SB 504](#)

Tuition

[Cunningham](#)

Requires students at public higher education institutions to pay the full cost of tuition if they take the same course more than twice.

R

Beginning in the fall term of academic year 2010-2011, this act prohibits a student from taking the same undergraduate course more than twice unless the student pays tuition at one hundred percent of the full cost of instruction, based on the institution's cost of courses. Exceptions exist for hardship and extenuating circumstances.

Referred to the Senate Education Committee 3/2/09.

[SJR 13](#)

Appropriations

[Lager](#)

Limits general revenue appropriations and mandates state income tax rate reductions in certain situations.

R

This constitutional amendment, if approved by voters, would generally limit state general revenue appropriations to the amount of appropriations made in the previous fiscal year increased by an inflationary growth factor. This proposed constitutional amendment is identical to SJR 50 (2008).

Referred to the Senate Governmental Accountability & Fiscal Oversight Committee 2/2/09.

[SJR 17](#)

Miscellaneous

[Lembke](#)

Prohibits public funds to be used for abortion services, human cloning, or prohibited human research.

R

If approved by the voters, this constitutional amendment provides that it shall be unlawful to expend, pay, or grant any public funds for abortion services, human cloning, or prohibited human research, as such terms were defined in the legislation enacted by the 92nd Missouri General Assembly in HB 688 (2003).

Referred to the Senate Health, Mental Health, Seniors & Families Committee 3/12/09.

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- [HB 55](#) **Miscellaneous** Employment Issues
[Wildberger](#) *Specifies that it will be an unlawful employment practice to subject an employee to an abusive work environment or to retaliate against an employee who opposes that type of environment.*
D "Employer" includes community colleges and state institutions of higher education.
 Pre-filed. First read in the House 1/7/09; second read 1/8/09.
- [HB 108](#) **Miscellaneous** Sunshine Law
[Bivins](#) *Requires all public governmental bodies to make and retain a verbatim audio recording of any closed meeting.*
R Pre-filed. First read in the House 1/7/09; second read 1/8/09.
- [HB 117](#) **Grants & Scholarships** Twenty-first Century Scholars Program
[Storch](#) *Establishes the "Twenty-first Century Scholars Program."*
D The program would be administered by the MDHE. A student will be eligible for the program if he or she: is a Missouri resident; is enrolled in the eighth grade in a public or private school; is eligible for the free or reduced-price lunch program; signs an agreement, along with his or her parents or guardian, to finish high school, to apply for college admission and financial aid, and to not drive while intoxicated, use drugs, run away, or become truant or delinquent; and has at least a 2.0 grade point average upon graduation from high school.

The programs would provide scholarships the amount of which would vary based on the student's choice of the college and the availability of other financial assistance. Scholarships may be granted for up to eight semesters, and participating colleges must develop specific mentoring programs for scholarship recipients to assist them with academic and social counseling.
Pre-filed. First read in the House 1/7/09; second read 1/8/09.
- [HB 136](#) **Miscellaneous** Minority and Women Businesses
[Hughes](#) *Establishes the Minority Business Enterprise and Women's Business Enterprise Oversight Review Committee to assist these business enterprises in bidding on state contracts.*
D This bill requires the Office of Administration, in consultation with public higher education institutions, to establish and implement a plan to increase and maintain the participation of certified socially and economically disadvantaged small business concerns or minority business enterprises in contracts for supplies, services, and construction contracts with the state.
Prefiled. First read in the House 1/7/09; second read 1/8/09.
- [HB 309](#) **Miscellaneous** Minority and Women Businesses
[Nasheed](#) *Requires fiscal notes for proposed legislation and all applications for grants from state agencies to include minority impact statements.*
D Introduced and first read in the House 1/15/09; second read 1/20/09.

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[HB 311](#)

Charter School Sponsorship

[Yates](#)

Modifies provisions relating to charter schools.

R

The provisions of this bill include one that would allow any public or private four-year college or university with its primary campus in the state of Missouri and an approved teacher education program to sponsor a charter school. Introduced and first read in the House 1/15/09; second read 1/20/09.

[HB 405](#)

Miscellaneous

[Low](#)

Requires equal pay for the same work regardless of gender and establishes a commission to study wage disparities.

D

The commission would include three individuals from higher education or research institutions who have experience and expertise in the collection and analysis of data concerning such pay disparities and whose research has already been used in efforts to promote the elimination of those disparities.

Introduced and first read in the House 1/26/09; second read 1/27/09.

[HB 445](#)

Institution-Specific

University of Missouri

[Roorda](#)

Requires the Geographic Resources Center at the University of Missouri to track sexual offenders in violation of the restriction to not reside within 1,000 feet of a school or child care facility.

D

Introduced and first read in the House 1/27/09; second read 1/28/09.

[HB 666](#)

Grants & Scholarships

Veterans' Families

[Witte](#)

Gives military dependents eligibility for in-state tuition at public institutions of higher education.

D

Introduced and first read in the House 2/10/09; second read 2/11/09.

[HB 686](#)

Grants & Scholarships

Foster Youth

[Bringer](#)

Establishes a tuition and fee waiver program for certain incoming Missouri resident freshman who have been in foster care or residential care.

D

The program would begin in fall 2010 and is subject to appropriations to reimburse institutions for tuition and fee waivers.

Introduced and first read in the House 2/11/09; second read 2/12/09. Rep. Calloway attempted to amend this language onto SB 291 in House Rules on 5/13/09, but his amendment failed. The language was also amended on to SB 262.

[HB 692](#)

Governance

University of Missouri

[Pratt](#)

Provides that if Missouri loses a congressional district after redistricting based on the 2010 census, the ninth member of the University of Missouri Board of Curators will be a student curator.

R

Introduced and first read in the House 2/12/09; second read 2/16/09.

[HB 693](#)

Miscellaneous

A+ Schools Program

[Biermann](#)

Allows students participating in the A+ Schools Program to work as election judges in order to fulfill their community service requirement.

D

Introduced and first read in the House 2/12/09; second read 2/16/09.

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[HB 699](#)
[Zimmerman](#)
D

Miscellaneous

Modifies the definition of "public governmental body" as it relates to the Missouri Sunshine Law.

Introduced and first read in the House 2/12/09; second read 2/16/09.

[HB 763](#)
[Grill](#)
D

Miscellaneous

Missouri Diploma and Transcript Act

Establishes the Missouri Diploma and Transcript Act which creates the crime of selling a fraudulent diploma or transcript.

Introduced and first read in the House 2/17/09; second read 2/18/09.

[HB 792](#)
[Kingery](#)
R

Grants & Scholarships

Access Missouri

Modifies the Access Missouri Program.

The bill would not change minimum and maximum Access awards for the 2009-2010 academic year, but would change award amounts starting in the 2010-2011 academic year and each year thereafter. A student attending a public 2-year institution will be eligible for \$1,000 maximum and \$300 minimum award. A student attending a public or private 4-year institution or Linn State Technical College will be eligible for \$2,850 maximum and \$1,500 minimum award.

Students attending public institutions currently receive \$1000 - \$2,150 and students attending private institutions receive \$2,000 - \$4,600; students attending 2-year public institutions currently receive \$300 - 1,000. This bill is identical to SB 390.

Introduced and first read in the House 2/17/09; second read 2/18/09.

[HB 869](#)
[Skaggs](#)
D

Miscellaneous

Prohibits credit card solicitation on college campuses.

Introduced and first read in the House 2/25/09; second read 2/26/09.

[HB 892](#)
[Schoemehl](#)
D

Higher Education Expense Tax Deduction

Authorizes an income tax deduction for certain public college tuition costs.

This bill would allow an income tax deduction for resident status tuition costs for students attending public four year institutions.

Introduced and first read in the House 2/26/09; second read 3/2/09.

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[HB 903](#)

Grants & Scholarships

Missouri Promise

[Kingery](#)

Establishes the Missouri Promise Program.

R

This act creates the Missouri Promise Program within the Department of Higher Education.

It renames and expands the scholarship portion of the current A+ program to provide tuition and fee-based scholarships at any community college to all public high school graduates who meet existing criteria for the A+ program. To qualify a student must make a good faith effort to secure other sources of funding; have earned a GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale in high school; be enrolled full time at a public community college, public vocational school, public technical school, or private vocational or technical school; and maintain a grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale while enrolled and receiving a scholarship.

It also establishes scholarships to be used at public four-year institutions for students who participate in Missouri Promise at the community college level and complete a designated associate's degree. Additional eligibility requirements include: a good faith effort to first secure other sources of funding; maintaining full-time enrollment; and maintaining a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale while receiving the scholarship. A student cannot receive a Missouri Promise scholarship for more than six semesters.

If a student has a grade point average that falls below a 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, the student will be granted a one semester grace period. The student will lose eligibility if the student cannot subsequently raise his or her GPA to a 3.0.

Introduced and first read in the House 2/26/08; second read 3/2/09. This language was amended into an early version of SB 291 but was stripped out before the bill was finally passed, and onto SB 79.

[HB 936](#)

Campus Safety

Sexual Assault

[Wildberger](#)

Revises and creates various statutes relating to the criminal justice system.

D

All institutions of higher education in the state would be required to develop sexual assault policies, create a rape education office, and develop an official statement that would strictly protect an individual from retaliation for reporting a sexual assault, and inform victims of the separate actions available to them.

Introduced and first read in the House 3/4/09; second read 3/5/09.

[HB 980](#)

Miscellaneous

[Hodges](#)

Clarifies that sections 195.214, 195.217, and 195.218 were intended to create safe zones around certain areas and to serve as an enhancement of punishment for violating section 195.211.

D

Provisions of the legislation create a safe zone around certain schools, colleges, community colleges, universities and school busses.

First read in the House 3/10/09; second read 3/11/09.

[HB 983](#)

Governance

[McNeil](#)

Requires racial and gender equity in the membership of boards, commissions, committees, and councils.

D

Introduced and first read in the House 3/10/09; second read 3/11/09.

[HB 989](#)

Tenure

[Talboy](#)

Requires all tenured or full-time professors at any state institution of higher education to be Missouri residents.

D

Introduced and first read in the House 3/10/09; second ready 3/11/09.

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[HB 1006](#)

[Roorda](#)

D

Miscellaneous

Allows all employees of any public body to form and join labor organizations and present proposals to any public body relative to salaries and other conditions of employment.

Employees of Missouri colleges and universities are currently exempt from Section 105.510, RSMo, which gives public employees the right to organize. This bill would eliminate that exemption.

Introduced and first read in the House 3/11/09; second read 3/12/09.

[HB 1007](#)

[Yates](#)

R

Institution-Specific

University of Missouri

Amends laws relating to grants made to the University of Missouri Board of Curators for specific purposes.

This bill would allow the Curators to use a portion of the grants they receive in the endowment to support endowment administration.

Introduced and first read in the House 3/11/09; second read 3/12/09.

[HB 1037](#)

[Grisamore](#)

R

Miscellaneous

Modifies laws relating to accessible electronic text use in elementary and secondary schools.

This law provides for public elementary, secondary, and post-secondary schools to transcribe, render, reproduce, and distribute printed instructional materials in specialized formats solely for use by students with disabilities who are entitled to such formats under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

Introduced and first read in the House 3/12/09; second read 3/18/09.

[HB 1051](#)

[Thomson](#)

R

Institution-Specific

Northwest Missouri State University

Establishes the Higher Education Energy Savings Project at Northwest Missouri State University.

Introduced and first read 3/23/09. Second read 3/24/09.

[HB 1068](#)

[Hobbs](#)

R

Institution-Specific

University of Missouri

Requires all diesel fuel sold at retail in Missouri after a certain date to be a biodiesel-blended fuel.

The Department of Agriculture is permitted to contract with the Food and Agriculture Policy Research Institute at the University of Missouri for assistance and research related to meeting provisions of the legislation.

Introduced and first read 3/24/09; second read 3/25/09.

[HB 1087](#)

[Schoemehl](#)

D

Miscellaneous

Provides for the licensure and regulation of the practice of naturopathic medicine.

Introduced and first read 3/26/09; second read 3/27/09.

[HB 1120](#)

[Lampe](#)

D

Governance

Changes the laws regarding the Open Meetings and Records Law, commonly known as the Sunshine Law.

Introduced and first read 3/31/09; second read 4/1/09.

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[HB 1148](#)

[Holsman](#)

D

Institution-Specific

University of Missouri

Creates energy projects for renewable and alternative forms of energy and to increase energy efficiency.

This bill would create the Missouri Sustainable Energy Authority in the Department of Natural Resources which would oversee, among other related items, state funding for the center for sustainable energy at the University of Missouri.

Introduced and first read 4/1/09; second read 4/2/09.

[HB 1157](#)

[Lampe](#)

D

Miscellaneous

Revises the membership of the Missouri Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and specifies new duties for such members.

This bill would require the Commissioner of Higher Education or his designee to serve on the commission. One of the statutory responsibilities of the commission would be to develop a recommendation for enlisting appropriate universities and colleges to ensure support and collaboration in developing certification or degree programs for students specializing in deaf and hard of hearing services. This may include degree programs in education, special education, social work, and psychology, for deaf and hard of hearing individuals.

Introduced and first read 4/1/09; second read 4/2/09.

[HB 1159](#)

[Meadows](#)

D

Miscellaneous

Institutes procedures for public employee collective bargaining.

This bill would remove the current exception for college and university employees and thereby give them the right to form and join labor organizations and to present proposals to any public body relative to salaries and other conditions of employment.

Introduced and first read 4/1/09; second read 4/2/09.

[HB 1162](#)

[Brown](#)

D

Miscellaneous

Establishes the Missouri Commission on Prevention and Management of Obesity.

This bill would establish the Missouri Commission on Prevention and Management of Obesity of which the commissioner of the department of higher education, or the commissioner's designee would be a member. In addition, two persons from the University of Missouri-Columbia with professional knowledge and experience from the fields of medicine, nursing, or dietetics or nutrition sciences, jointly appointed by the deans of the University of Missouri Sinclair School Of Nursing, the School of Medicine, and the College of Human and Environmental Sciences would also be members.

Introduced and first read 4/1/09; second read 4/2/09.

[HB 1174](#)

[Schlottach](#)

R

Institution-Specific

Requires the University of Missouri to retain the "Beef Research and Teaching Farm" at its Columbia campus.

Introduced and first read 4/1/09; second read 4/2/09.

[HB 1188](#)

[Schoeller](#)

R

Miscellaneous

Prohibits the use of public funds for lobbying purposes.

Introduced and first read 4/1/09; second read 4/2/09.

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[HCR 14](#)
[Low](#)
D

Miscellaneous

Establishes the Missouri Child Poverty Council to examine child poverty in Missouri.

The council would include a representative from the University of Missouri System.
Introduced and first read in the House 1/26/09; second read 1/27/09.

[HJR 38](#)
[Nieves](#)
R

Life Sciences

Proposes a constitutional amendment prohibiting the expenditure of public funds for abortion services, human cloning, or prohibited human research.

Prohibits the use of public funds at public higher education institutions from being used for research in human cloning and various life sciences research.
Introduced and first read 3/24/09; second read 3/25/09.

First Read

[HB 873](#)
[Schaaf](#)
R

Grants & Scholarships

Provides that homeschooled students shall be treated the same as non-homeschooled students for financial aid purposes.

Introduced and first read in the House 2/25/09.

[SB 499](#)
[Cunningham](#)
R

Intellectual Diversity

Requires public higher education institutions to annually report on steps taken to ensure intellectual diversity.

This act would create the Emily Brooker Higher Education Sunshine Act, which defines intellectual diversity for reporting purposes at public institutions of higher education. By December 31, 2010, the Coordinating Board for Higher Education would require each public institution of higher education to annually report to the General Assembly on steps taken to ensure intellectual diversity and the free exchange of ideas. The institution must post its annual report on its website. Each institution must ensure that students are notified of measures to promote intellectual diversity and how to report alleged violations. This act is substantially similar to HB 1315 (2008), SB 983 (2008) and is similar to HB 213 (2007).
Introduced and first read in the Senate 2/25/09.

Introduced

[GRP 1](#)
[Nixon](#)
D

Grants & Scholarships Executive Order 09-09

Reorganization Plan, to transfer post-secondary education assistance programs from various state departments to the Department of Higher Education Executive Order 09-09.

Introduced 2/4/09. This order was rejected by HR 552, which was approved by the House on 3/9/09.

[HCR 44](#)
[Munzlinger](#)
R

Institution-Specific Land Grant Institutions

Urges Congress to recognize the importance of land grant agricultural research by continuing or increasing the current federal funding.

Offered 3/25/09.

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Has Become Part of Another Bill

SB 182 Bartle R	Miscellaneous	Diploma Mills
	<i>Prohibits the use or attempted use of false or misleading diplomas for admission to higher education institutions or in connection with businesses or employment.</i>	
	The use of such a diploma would be a Class C misdemeanor.	
	The Senate Education Committee heard testimony about this bill on 1/28/09. This language has been added to SB 62, SB 79, SB 261, and SB 291.	

SB 245 Schaefer R	Student Data Security	
	<i>Creates consumer notification requirements for data security breaches.</i>	
	This bill would require entities including public and private universities to notify students when personal information has been compromised.	
	The Senate Commerce, Consumer Protection, Energy & the Environment Committee heard testimony about this bill 2/17/09. This bill has been combined with SB 207, which was voted out of committee on 3/3/09.	

Pre-filed

HR 552 Dethrow R	Grants & Scholarships	Executive Order 09-09
	<i>Disapproves the proposed Reorganization Plan submitted by the Governor in Executive Order 09-09, which transfers various scholarship programs to the MDHE.</i>	
	The House approved this measure on 3/9/09.	

SR 304 Shields R	P-20	
	<i>Relating to the creation of the Missouri Senate Educated Workforce 2020 Committee.</i>	
	Adopted by the Senate 2/26/09.	